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USER-DEFINED INFORMATION INTO ELECTRONIC  
DEVICES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with MPEP §§ 2001 and 2002, applicant hereby makes the documents listed below of record in the above-identified application.

U.S. Patents

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| Mincer, et al.   | 5,262,875 | November 16, 1993 |
| Verbiest, et al. | 5,550,577 | August 27, 1996   |
| Helferich        | 6,253,061 | June 26, 2001     |
| Will             | 6,392,640 | May 21, 2002      |
| Isomursu, et al. | 6,400,958 | June 4, 2002      |
| Bowman-Amuah     | 6,477,580 | November 5, 2002  |
| Fitzgerald       | 6,564,056 | May 13, 2003      |

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| Mills, et al.    | 6,599,147         | July 29, 2003      |
| Ichihashi        | 6,603,985         | August 5, 2003     |
| Crockett, et al. | 6,718,021         | April 6, 2004      |
| Khan, et al.     | 6,754,509         | June 22, 2004      |
| Tischer          | 7,013,006         | March 14, 2006     |
| Deeds            | 7,020,497         | March 28, 2006     |
| Busardo, et al.  | 7,031,453         | April 18, 2006     |
| Yamada           | 7,035,675         | April 25, 2006     |
| Slate            | 7,113,981         | September 26, 2006 |
| Futamase, et al. | 7,119,268         | October 10, 2006   |
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| Futamase, et al. | 7,161,081         | January 9, 2007    |
| Ito              | 7,203,523         | April 10, 2007     |
| Hunter, et al.   | 7,209,900         | April 24, 2007     |
| Lee, et al.      | 6,728,531         | April 27, 2004     |
| Abecassis        | 6,192,340         | February 20, 2001  |
| Shanahan         | 6,496,692         | December 17, 2002  |
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| Shanahan         | 7,295,864         | November 13, 2007  |
| Shanahan         | 7,319,866         | January 15, 2008   |
| Shanahan         | US2005/0086128 A1 | April 21, 2005     |
| Shanahan         | US2004/0148226 A1 | July 29, 2004      |
| Shanahan         | US2007/0099605 A1 | May 3, 2007        |
| Shanahan         | US2007/0099604 A1 | May 3, 2007        |

### Foreign Office Action

Canadian Office Action issued by the Canadian Patent Office on December 29, 2004, in connection with Canadian Application No. 2,436,872 (copy included)

### Foreign Patent Document

Shanahan WO 01/41403 June 7, 2001 (copy included)

### Other Document

International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued March 25, 2002, issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/32920 (copy included)

Related Cases

Applicant again draws the Examiner's attention to the following related cases that share a common specification with this case. These cases may be considered to have claims substantially similar to, and thus are material to, the patentability of the claims in this case. Furthermore, the cases below have been rejected over the same or similar prior art as this case.

U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,122 (pending rejection)

U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,142 (pending rejection)

It is respectfully requested the Examiner fully consider these and any associated documents during the examination of this application, make them of record, and indicate his or her consideration of the documents by initialing the enclosed Citation List adjacent the citation of each document, and print them on any patent that may issue on this application. It is requested that a copy of the initialed Citation form be returned to the applicant's undersigned Attorney.

As this application was filed after June 30, 2003 copies of cited patents and applications are not required, and are therefore not included.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott H. Kaliko', is written over a horizontal line.

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